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SPECIAL EDITOR'S NOTE: Once again, where did this year go? Anyway, my family (wife/OPDX's chief proof-reader Linda, Teddy [TJ], Katie) and I (KB8NW) would like to wish all DXers, Contesters and OPDX readers a very "Happy Holiday and Season's Greetings". Because the holiday falls on a weekend day, I am going to do my best to release a bulletin next weekend..... 73 and Have a Great Holiday de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12th/December, through Sunday, 19th/December there were 215 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T31, T32, T5, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, VU4, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3D2, FIJI. Jim/K6JAT and his XYL, Lilah/KE6EHD will be off on vacation to **Matangi Island (OC-016)** from **January 1-7th**. They have procured the callsigns **3D2TJ** and **3D2EG**, respectively. Jim plans on some casual DXing on 40-10 meters SSB with a FT-857D barefoot into a vertical or wires. QSL via their home callsigns.

3Y0X PETER I ISLAND DXPEDITION (Update). Bob, K4UEE, informs OPDX that the **3Y0X** DXpedition team can now take contributions toward the Peter I DXpedition via PayPal and Credit Cards. Just go to the Web site and follow the directions at: <http://www.peterone.com>. Please be sure to include your callsign!

TOPBAND NEWS. Bob, K4UEE, also informed the 160m enthusiasts on the Topband Mail Reflector that this will be only the third DXpedition to **Peter I Island** and only the second to offer 160m QSOs. The 3Y0PI DXpedition in 1994 made a little over 300 QSOs on topband. Obviously, this means that most 160m ops today still need Peter I Island for a new one. They are planning a very large operation with eight full-KW stations and a low power 30m station. Modes include CW, SSB and various digital options. There are fifteen antennas in their inventory and many spares. On 160m, they will be running full power to a heavy-duty version of the Battle Creek Special (BCS) antenna (the very same antenna that produced 1250 QSOs from VK0IR in 1997). The BCS will be dedicated to 160m. Additionally, they are planning at least one 3 element wire beam on the ice and maybe more. There will be five experienced topband operators fighting each other to have the opportunity to put you in the log on 160m. Operators are Bob/K4UEE, Pertti/ OH2PM, Eric/K3NA, Andy/UA3AB and Alan/K5AB.

4X0, ISRAEL (Castle Activity). Just a reminder that Jan/4X1VF, Ilya/4Z1UF, Shalom/4Z4BS, Mark/4Z4KX, Ruben/4Z5FI, Ruslan/4Z5LA and Yuli/4X6HP will operate for the first time after 16 years from the famous historical site - "**MASADA Castle**" near the Dead Sea this week. They will use the special callsign **4X0MS**, starting at 1000z Friday, December 24th, through 1000z Sunday, December 26th. They plan to operate with two complete stations on CW/SSB on 80-10 meters. QSOs are good for the "Holyland Award" program. The square will be L22BS. QSL Manager is Shalom, 4Z4BS. To get more information about this site, please visit the Web page at: <http://www.bibleplaces.com/masada.htm>.

5T, MAURITANIA. Operators Phil/G3SWH, Jim/G3RTE, Jean/ON8RA and Adriano/ON5GA will be active as **5T0CW** from **Nuachachott** between **February 24th and March 4th**. Activity will be CW only on all bands 160-10 meters. Propagation permitting, they plan to have at least one station on the air on a 24 hour a day basis. QSL via G3SWH, either direct with SAE and return postage or via E-mail for a bureau reply or via the bureau. Phil's E-mail is: phil@g3swh.demon.co.uk.

8Q, MALDIVES. Paolo, IK2QPR, will be active as **8Q7PR** from **Dunikolhu Island**, Baa Atoll, Maldives (**AS-013**), **January 9-17th**. Using only 100 watts and a vertical antenna, activity will be CW/SSB on 40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters. QSL via his home callsign IK2QPR: Paolo Fava, via Bertani 8, 46100 Mantova, Italy.

CDXA OFFICERS FOR 2005. John Scott, K8YC, CDXA Editor, informs OPDX that on Thursday, December 9th, the Carolina DX Association (CDXA) held its "Annual Meeting" along with its annual "Holiday Party". The following were nominated and elected to serve as officers for the 2005 calendar year:

President:	Ted Goldthorpe, W4VHF
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Cluster Manager:	Joe Simpkins, K4MD
Assoc. Cluster Mgr:	Paul Sturpe, W3GQ

Visit the CDXA's Web page at: <http://www.cdxo.org/>.

CT2ITZ (Pirated Activity). It seems someone is pirating Paulo's, CT2ITZ, callsign on a PacketCluster and putting out false and missing information on the net. Naturally, this aggravates everyone, especially the owner of the callsign (Paulo). Please ignore this lonely individual who is looking for attention (this is what he wants) and do not take it out on Paulo.

DXPEDITION PICTURES ON THE WEB. Pictures of the recent A61AV/p operation from **Sirat Al Khawr Island (AS-124)** can be viewed at: <http://www.mdxo.org/a61av-p>.

EY8, TAJIKISTAN. Nodir, **EY8MM**, will be active in the upcoming **CQ WW 160m CW Contest (January 29-30th)** as a Single-Op entry. He states that he will have a full size delta vertical and beverages.

GJ2, JERSEY. Richard, K2WR, will be active as **GJ2A** or **MJ0AWR** during the **CQ WW 160m CW Contest (January 29-30th)** as Single-Op entry. QSL via K2WR. There will be some pre-contest activity, and he will concentrate on 80/40/30/17/12 meters CW.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Curt, W3HQ, will do a two week operation on 160m from here. Look for him to be active as **HI/W3HQ** and to be active in the **CQ WW 160m CW Contest (January 29-30th)** as a Single-Op entry. QSL via W3HQ. For E-mail skeds use: fclambert@infonale.com

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-079.** Take, JI3DST, will be active as **JI3DST/JS6** from **Miyako Island, December 29th to January 5th.** Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW, SSB, SSTV and RTTY. QSL via JI3DST (QRZ.com).
- **NA-200.** Yuri/XE1UN, Alberto/XE1NK and Ramon/XE1KK will operate from **Tamalcab Island** on the rare Quintana Roo State South Group as **XF3T** from 1800z, **December 21st to 0000z, December 24th**, during local daylight hours. They will be active with two stations on 40-10 meters, including the WARC bands, on SSB, CW and PSK31. QSL via N1NK.

J2, DJIBOUTI. Yves, F5PRU, is currently active from here for the next **four months**. His stay is job/work related. His callsign is **J20FH** (This prefix is given to hams who stay less than 6 months in Djibouti). His activity will be limited to his spare time. Look for him on CW/SSB and maybe some digital, on 80-10 meters. Also, look for Yves during the two parts of the **French REF Contest** which takes place on each of the last full weekends of January (CW) and February (SSB). QSL to F5PRU via the French REF Bureau; preferred (when he returns).

KC4, ANTARCTICA. Brent, **KD4VMM/KC4**, is active now from **Palmer Station** (K-10 for the Antarctica Award and USA-23 for the WAP) on **Anvers Island (AN-012)**. Watch 14243 kHz between 2330-0100z. QSL via KD4VMM: Brent A. Evers, 5211 Al Jones Drive, Shady Side, MD 20764, U.S.A.

LU2, ANTARCTICA. Look for **LU2ZD**, the **Primavera Base**, to be activated in **January** by

an operator named Paolo (home callsign not provided). His flight to the Antarctic Peninsula will be on the 7th or 9th of January. Primavera Base is only open during the summer season, and any activity on the ham bands will be together with QSL Manager Henry, LU4DXU. At the moment they are still trying to organize a suitable transceiver for this operation. More details will be forthcoming soon.

OO, BELGIUM (Update on Special Activity). Egbert, ON4CAS/N1TOI, UBA Award Manager, informs OPDX that to celebrate the **175th anniversary of Belgium's independance**, Belgian stations may use the special prefix "OO" instead of "ON" during 2005. The UBA will take part in the celebrations by issuing an official commemorative award. The "175 Years Belgium Award" can be earned by contacting stations using the OO prefix between January 1st and December 31st, 2005. A sum of at least 175 points are required for the award. For more details on how to earn points and a picture of the award, please visit the following Web page at: http://www.uba.be/hf/awards/175yr_en.html.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **I0QHN/KC4 QSL MANAGER CHANGE.** Egidio, IZ8BRI, informs us the original QSL Manager chosen by the operators was Gianni Varetto, I1HYW, but due to his busy schedule, the WAP Staff and Dr. Mario Pillon, I0QHM, agreed to use Luigi Cervasio, IK8OZZ, a well known WAP Antarctic QSL Manager. QSLs already sent to, and/or received from Gianni, I1HYW, will be forwarded to IK8OZZ. It was mentioned that the QSLs will not be sent out before the operators return home (with pictures for the QSL and logs). This will happen at the end of March 2005.
- Gianni, IZ8CGS, Antarctica Award Manager, informs OPDX that there are many online logs searchers for Antarctica stations on the following MDXC Web page at: <http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/log.htm>.
- QSL **KH0PR** via JJ8DEN. Operator was Yoshi who was active from the Island of Rota (OC-086) in the Marianas Islands.
- **LLDXT & PRIVATE LOGS NOW ON LOTW!** Rob, PA2R, informs OPDX that last month he had uploaded all of the following logs files to the "Logbook of The World" (LoTW). Over 350,000 records have been added to the Database! The logs are still open for normal QSL if you wish. Here are the callsigns for those logs:

HB0/PA3ERC, VP5C (1995), VP5/PA3BBP, VP5/PA3ERC, VP5/PA3EWP, VP45/PA3EWP, FG/PA3BBP, FG/PA3ERC, FG/PA3EWP, FG/PA3FQA, TO5C (1996), J79BP, J79RC, J79WP, J79QA, J77C (1996), FM/PA3BBP, FM/PA3ERC, FM/PA3EWP, FM/PA3FQA, J6/PA3BBP, J6/PA3ERC, J6/PA3EWP, 9Y4/PA3BBP, 9Y4/PA3ERC, 9Y4/PA3EWP, 6Y5/PA3ERC, 6Y5/PA3EWP, ZF9/ZF2RC, ZF9/ZF2WP, PJ7/PA5ET, PJ7/PA4WM, PJ7/PA3EWP, PJ7/PA3GCV, PJ7/PA4WM, PJ7/PA4EA, FS/PA5ET, FS/PA4WM, FS/PA3EWP, FS/PA3GCV, FS/PA4WM, FS/PA4EA, V47ET, V47WM, V47WP, V47CV, V47WM, V47EA, VP2EET, VP2EWM, VP2EWP, VP2ECV, VP2EWM, VP2EEA, 8Q9RC, 8Q9WP, V26EA, V26ET, V26FM, V26WP, VP2MPA, 8P9JR, 8P9JS, 8P9JT, 8P9JU, J3/PA3EWP, J3/PA5ET, J3/PA7FM, J38PA (2001), J8/PA3EWP, J8/PA5ET, J8/PA7FM, J8PA (2001), J75ET, J75EA, J75ZH, J75WP, J75PA (2002), VP2MET, VP2MEA, VP2MWP, VP2MPA, VP2MCV and VP2MWM (2002), OY7ET, OY7QA, OY7TW, OY7WB, OY7WP, OY8PA (2003), 3D2PA (2004), T30PA (2004) and T33PA (2004), PA3ERC, PA63ERC, PA5ET and finally PA2R.

If you participate in the "Logbook of The World" program you will probably get a lot of new band slots and/or new countries! Uploading logs is free see how to register at: <http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>.

- **V26B ON THE LOTW.** Mike, KA2AEV, reports the V26B logs are now available on LoTW back to 1995 (he thinks). He states, "We're having problems finding a copy of the 1993 and 1994 logs, but we expect this problem to be solved shortly."
- **VK9LA & VK9LW QSL CARD STATUS.** Bill, VK4FW, reports that he is half-way through answering cards received. All cards are being done on a "as received basis by date". Bill states, "Some of you will be lucky to get them before xmas. I hope to have all cards in the mail by late next week." Statistics on the operation are available on the Web at: <http://www.odxg.org>. VK4FW's mail address is: Bill Horner, P.O. Box 513, Nambour, 4560, Australia.
- **VK9XG QSL CARD STATUS.** Charlie, W0YG, reported this past week that he should be caught up on mailing all the QSL cards for his recent VK9XG operation. He states, "For those who have a tendency to use the bureau, please use LoTW instead. I will upload the logs to LoTW sometime in the future when I debug the busted calls which is normal for any DX operation."

SOUTH SHETLAND ACTIVITIES.....

- **HF0** - A new operator is now in place at the **Polish Antarctic Base Station Henryk Arctowski** (SP-01 for the Antarctica Award) on **King George Island**, South Shetlands (**AN-010**). The operator is Marek, SP3GVX, who is expected to operate as HF0POL through November 2005. QSL via SP3WVL: Tomasz Lipinski, skr. poczt. 78, 69-100 Slubice, Poland.
- OL0 - Jarda, **OL0ANT**, is currently active from the small Czech "**ECO Nelson**" **Base Station on Nelson Island (AN-010)**, South Shetlands. Activity is **until January 10th**. His equipment consists of a battery powered Kenwood TS570D and a vertical antenna for the usual bands (no WARC). Ham radio activity is mainly of a demonstrative nature. Length of operation and the uses of power depends on the status of his battery. Most of his activity has been on 40 meters CW between 0300-0700z. There was one QSNs on 30 meters around 0345z. QSL via OK1FOW: Jaroslav Jirus, Angolska 609, CZ - 160 00 Praha 6, CZECH REPUBLIC. A new WAP reference number was just issued for the Czech "ECO Nelson Base" station on Nelson Island: CZE-01. Also, the new reference number for the Antarctica Award is: OK-01. The Lat/Long: 62°14'30"S 58°58'48"W. For more information about the "ECO Nelson" base can be found at: <http://www.antarctica.cz>.
- **VP8** - Jordan "Danny" Yankov, LZ2UU (**VP8/LZ2UU**), is once again stationed at the Bulgarian base **St. Kliment Ohridski** (LZ-02 for the Antarctica Award) on **Livingston Island**, South Shetlands (**AN-010**). Danny has served as radio engineer for the past eleven Antarctic seasons, and this year he is also the base commander. QSL via his home callsign: Jordan Radkov Yankov, P.O. Box 196, 7200 Razgrad, Bulgaria

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for special event station **TM7VM** to be active **until December 30th**. Activity started for the first time on **December 16th**, to celebrate the opening of the **Millau Viaduct** (South France, which is said to be the highest one in the world). This viaduct is 343 meters above the ground at its highest part. The activity is organized by the Millau ARC (F6KSM) under the leadership of Patrick, F5UJZ, who is also the QSL Manager. During the

year 2005, the special event station will be activated 9 more times. The dates will be announced at a later time. A technical Web page about this viaduct (in English, Spanish and French), is available at : <http://www.viaducdemillaueiffage.com/>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS (Update). Charles Harpole, K4VUD, continued to provide updates on the VU4 operations throughout the week to the DX community. He is now in Port Blair and should be there until just about the end of the operation. He reports that he is taking pictures and video of the VU4 operation. Charles states that there are three stations up and operating now. Bharathi's station is in the Hotel Sinclairs. Saraha's operating location is in a dorm room of a local college. Ram's location was in a rented room in a small apartment building, but now he has moved to the Port Blair Science Center where the public can watch the ham radio action. The antenna farm is growing on VU4-land. Charles states that there is a 7 element tribander at 60 ft. above the hotel roof, inverted Vees everywhere, 80m dipole, SteppIR at 15 feet above Science Center roof, and the newly arrived WARC Cushcraft yagi installed at the college dorm. With most of the activity being on SSB and some CW, there has been some activity on PSK and Slow-Scan TV. Look for 40 and 80 meters to get a lot more attention for the next two weeks. The suggested frequency is around 3.503-5 MHz, the approved frequency. Charles mentioned over weekend that Mr. Suri, VU2MY, head of NIAR, has arrived there and is arranging publicity for all the operators all over India. He is cheering the operators on and giving them lots of encouragement to stay awake and keep the bands hot with their calls!!! Charles is also encouraging all amateur radio operators to be on their best behavior over the next several days as the DXpedition will be hosting several Indian government officials. He also predicts that many youngsters will get VU licenses because of the interest this DXpedition has generated.

The "DX Newsletter" provides the following **VU4RBI** and **VU4NRO** operating schedule as follows:

- **0000Z** 21240, 21285 kHz;
- **0100Z**: 21240, 21285;
- **0200Z**: 14240, 21240;
- **0300Z**: 21285, 24931;
- **0400Z**: 21285, 24931; 0500Z: 18121, 21285, 24931;
- **0600Z**: 18121, 21285;
- **0700Z**: 18121, 21285; 0800Z: 18121, 21285, 24931;
- **0900Z**: 24931;
- **1000Z**: 24931;
- **1100Z**: 21285, 24931; 1200Z: 14191, 21285, 24931; 1300Z: 14191;
- **1400Z**: 14191;
- **1500Z**: 14191;
- **1800Z**: 14265;
- **2100Z**: 14265;
- **2200Z**: 14265 kHz.

QSL via the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR), Rajbhavan Road, Hyderabad-500 082, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA. HOWEVER, do not include cash in your mail, states Mr. Suri, VU2MY. He also hopes to post on the NIAR Web site a list of all callsigns of received QSLs. If you want to make a donation, please do that by other means rather than the ordinary mail. The team is working on the chance of a stateside QSL address also, but nothing definite at this time.

Remember, the NIAR is the ultimate source for news of this operation. Their Web page is:
<http://www.niar.org>

WLH CHANGES. Ric, DL2VFR, informs OPDX that there has been some major changes to the "World LightHouse Program". The entire list of LH had to be reviewed and corrected. The "World LightHouse Program" (WLH) has changed its name to "World Lighthouse On The Air" (WLOTA). A lot more LHS will count now - some LHS were deleted. In order to cope with the large number of LHS in the world, the list of LH counting had to be restricted based on a fixed standard. A multi-national crew has been working on the new award program. The new LH-list is almost completed. For more details and the rules, please visit their new Web site at: <http://www.wlota.com>.

ZD7 & ZD8, ST. HELENA AND ASCENSION ISLANDS. Martin, G3ZAY, is expected to be visiting **Ascension Island (AF-003)** and **St. Helena (AF-022)** over the Christmas period. Look for him to be on **Ascension Island** between **December 21-22nd** and again **January 3-7th**. Martin will be on **St. Helena Island** between **December 24th and January 1st** as **ZD7ZA**. While on Ascension Island, Martin will activate the **Ascension Island Lighthouse** (WLOTA LH-0299). QSL via his home callsign.

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SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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